

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A mop bucket and wringer apparatus for wringing liquid from a mop comprising
 - a mop bucket having an open interior terminating in an upwardly facing opening defined by a marginal rim; and
 - a mop wringer including means for selective attachment to the marginal rim of said bucket; said wringer including
 - an upwardly facing opening for receiving a mop and defined by front, rear, side, and bottom walls at least some of which are provided with passageways to allow liquids to pass therethrough;
 - a pair of pressure jaws;
 - a rack mounting the pressure jaws in a spaced apart horizontal disposition whereby vertical movement of the rack causes relative movement of the pressure jaws toward and away from one another;
 - a pinion affixed to a side wall of said wringer for effecting movement of the rack and the associated pressure jaws; and
 - ~~an elastomeric~~ a member formed of an elastomer and tensioned to normally ~~urging~~ urge the pinion in a position to cause the pressure jaws to be moved away from one another.
2. (Canceled).
3. (Canceled).
4. (Previously presented) The invention defined in Claim 1 wherein said elastomeric member is attached to at least one of the walls and to the pinion.
5. (Canceled).
6. (Canceled).

7. (Previously presented) The invention defined in Claim 1 wherein the pinion includes a laterally extending support for elastomeric member.

8. (Previously presented) The invention defined in Claim 1 wherein at least one of the side walls is provided with slots for vertically guiding the rack.

9. (Original) The invention defined in Claim 1 wherein said bucket is provided with slots for guiding vertical movement of said wringer in respect of said mop bucket.

10. (Original) The invention defined in Claim 9 wherein said wringer includes downwardly extending extensions received within the slots.

11. (Previously presented) The invention defined in Claim 1 wherein said bucket includes a rear wall having a handle formed therein.

12. (Previously presented) The invention defined in Claim 1 wherein said bucket includes a front wall having a curved portion forming a pouring spout.

13. (Original) The invention defined in Claim 1 includes a hook for attaching said bucket to a toilet or sink basin.

14. (Previously presented) The invention defined in Claim 1 wherein said bucket includes a stepped bottom wall.

15. (Original) The invention defined in Claim 1 wherein said bucket includes side walls with corners, thereby allowing thinner wall sections and retaining strength.

16. (Original) The invention defined in Claim 1 wherein a seal is formed by said bucket and said wringer, said seal preventing liquid from exiting therebetween.

17. (Original) The invention defined in Claim 1 wherein said wringer sits on three sides of said bucket.

18. (Currently amended) A mop bucket and wringer apparatus for wringing liquid from a mop comprising:

a mop bucket having an open interior terminating in an upwardly facing opening defined by a marginal rim; and

a mop wringer including means for selective attachment to the marginal rim of said bucket; said wringer including:

an upwardly facing opening for receiving a mop and defined by front, rear, side, and bottom walls at least some of which are provided with passageways to allow liquids to pass therethrough;

at least one pressure plate;

a linkage means mounting the pressure plate in a substantially vertical disposition whereby horizontal movement of the linkage means causes relative movement of the pressure plate toward the front wall of said wringer; and

~~an elastomeric~~ a member formed of an elastomer and tensioned to normally ~~urging~~ urge the pressure plate in a substantially vertical position.

19. (Currently amended) A mop bucket and wringer apparatus for wringing liquid from a mop comprising:

a mop bucket having an open interior terminating in an upwardly facing opening defined by a marginal rim; and

a mop wringer including means for selective attachment to the marginal rim of said bucket; said wringer including:

an upwardly facing opening for receiving a mop and defined by at least a front wall, a first side wall, a second side wall, and a bottom wall, at least one of which is provided with passageways to allow liquids to pass therethrough;

at least one pressure plate movable between a wringing position and an open position for causing a wringing of the mop;

~~an elastomeric~~ a member formed of an elastomer and tensioned to normally ~~urging~~ urge said pressure plate to the open position.

20. (Previously presented) The invention defined in Claim 19 wherein said elastomeric member is a rubber band.

21. (Previously presented) The invention defined in Claim 19 wherein said elastomeric member is an elastic cord.

22. (Previously presented) The invention defined in Claim 1 wherein said elastomeric member is an elastic cord.